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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 28, 1996

Sherry Hessenthaler, Treasurer Bell Atlantic Corporation Political Action Committee 1717 Arch Street, 46th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103

Identification Number: C00186288

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/95-12/31/95)

Dear Ms. Hessenthaler:

On March 6, 1996 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your March 21, 1996 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. \$441a(a) precludes a multicandidate committee from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the contributor. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which

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they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR \$110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B of Your report discloses earmarked contributions. If the contribution passed through your committee's account, each must be itemized on the receipt and expenditure schedules, regardless of the For disclosure purposes, the name and mailing Amount. address for each contributor must be provided, and where exceeds \$200, contribution the individual's occupation and name of employer must also be itemized. amend your report accordingly. \$110.6(c)(1)(v)

If this information is not received by the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Vince Tallman on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

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Sincerely,

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